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Shri Chitta Basu, M.P. had written to PM on 30th September, 1988 regarding his discussions with leaders of the Chinese Communist Party during his visit to China in June, 1988. One of the items of discussion was the need for re-evaluating the role of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Chinese apparently agreed that joint research on the subject could be undertaken by Indian and Chinese scholars.

2. In pursuance of this the All India Forward Bloc approached the Indian Council of Social Science Research to initiate a joint study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. They were, however, informed by the ICSSR that there was no provision for taking up joint studies under their existing programme and that they would bear this request in mind in future.

3. MEA's assessment is that the Chinese may have responded to Chitta Basu's proposal more because of his political standing than because they have anything substantial to contribute to a study of Subhash Chandra Bose. At the most they may provide Chitta Basu some material on Netaji which he could use.

4. MEA feels that while there is no objection to the assistance, being sought from the Chinese for a study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, it is not necessary for the Government to intervene with the ICSSR to fund any such study. The ICSSR should be free to take a decision on merits.

5. I agree with their recommendation.

*Yshankar*  
(Meera Shankar)  
2.2.1989

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POLITICAL SECTION

Reference: Letter dt. 6-3-89 from Shri Chitta Basu, MP, New Delhi about (i) taking over of the house in Kabul where Netaji stayed enroute to Europe during 2nd World War and (ii) our proposal for Joint research work on the history of freedom movement (placed below).

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" PM has desired that both these issues be examined quickly.

Sd/- R. Sen  
7.3.89

Dir.(MS)

With pps. pl. We have already examined Shri Chitta Basu's suggestion for joint research with China on Netaji. Have we received anything from M.E.A. on Netaji's House in Kabul?

Sd/- Meera Shankar  
7.3.89

S.O. (Poll.)

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POLITICAL SECTION

We had received a letter dt. 30-9-88 on the subject from Shri Chitta Basu, MP (Sl.No.7/C) which was acknowledged by PM and forwarded to JS(PP), M.E.A. for necessary action vide our endorsement at Sl.8/C. We have not received any reply from them.

*Mr. V. 8-3-89* *to be put up another letter / position.*  
Papers reg. Sh. Chitta Basu's suggestion<sup>5/3</sup> for setting up of a joint - study group on Netaji S.C. Bose comprising of Indian and Chinese scholars and JS(EA)'s comments are tagged below, please.

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*Dir (MS)*

*I have reminded JS(PP) <sup>Shisto</sup> 10/3  
We may await a response from JS(PP) and put up a consolidated note.  
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PM had queried about the present status of Shri Chitta Basu's letters to PM.

The position is as follows:

(1) Proposal for joint study on Netaji with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences:

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In pursuance of this the All India Forward Bloc approached the Indian Council of Social Science Research to initiate a joint study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. They were, however, informed by the ICSSR that there was no provision for taking up joint studies under their existing programme and they would bear this request in mind in future.

MEA felt that the Chinese may have responded to Chitta Basu's proposal more because of his political standing than because they have anything substantial to contribute to a study of Subhash Chandra Bose. MEA felt that while there was no objection to the assistance being sought from the Chinese for a study on Netaji, it was not necessary for the Government to intervene with the ICSSR to fund any such study. This was considered in our office and it was agreed, with the approval of Secretary to PM, that the ICSSR should be free to take a decision on merits on the All India Forward Bloc's request and that the Government need not intervene.

(2) Proposal for acquisition of a house in which Netaji stayed:

Shri Chitta Basu had also written to PM suggesting that the Indian Government should take over and maintain the House in Kabul in which Netaji Subhash Chandra had stayed in February, 1941. This request was considered in the Ministry of External Affairs and it was felt that it would not be worthwhile to acquire the House because:

- (i) Netaji did not stay permanently in this House. It was only a transit point.
- (ii) Even if the Indian Government bought and maintained it as a national monument, not many Indian nationals would visit Afghanistan in order to see the House.
- (iii) If we acquire Houses where our leaders have stayed in different parts of the world, there would be no end to it.



I agree with MEA's recommendations.

EAM/MOS(N) could be asked to send a suitable reply to Shri Chitta Basu.

Submitted for PM's information.

I do not think there is any need to send a written reply as yet.

On the Kabul house, I told Shri Basu that it would be difficult to proceed in the present circumstances.

JS(R) With regard to a joint study with China on Netaji's role, I said that it would be better to have a broader study of the Indian freedom movement and of China's liberation struggle.

Shankar

(Meera Shankar)  
Director  
28.3.89

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Principal Secy. to PM

I would go along with IT (A), exp. req.

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The Working President of the All India Freedom Fighters' Organisation, Sheel Bhadra Yajee, has written to PM saying that his organisation has decided to bring the remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from the Rengkoji temple, Tokyo, to India.

Flag (B)  
MEA have been consulted. Opinion in India continues to be sharply divided on whether the ashes in the Rengkoji Temple in Tokyo are those of Netaji. GOI has, therefore, not taken any steps for their return though it pays an annual maintenance grant to the Temple. This position has been stated by EAM in Parliament.

The Govt. of India had appointed an Enquiry Committee in 1956 headed by Shah Nawaz Khan including S.C. Bose, Netaji's elder brother. The majority <sup>view</sup> was that Netaji met his death in an air crash on 18th August, 1945 and that the ashes in the Renkoji Temple were those of Netaji. Netaji's brother, S.C. Bose, however, dissented from this view. A one man Commission of Enquiry of Justice G.D. Khosla was appointed in 1970 and he too concluded that the casket lodged in the Renkoji Temple contained the ashes of Netaji.

Netaji's brother, however, continued to oppose this view. In January 1982, he wrote to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi that "there is no convincing proof that the so called ashes are genuine and that of my brother.....Under the circumstances it would be wrong to pass off the so-called ashes as genuinely being that of Netaji." There is no indication that his attitude has since undergone any change.

800/6/4/1  
Sheel Bhadra Yajee, Working President of the All India Freedom Fighters' Organisation, has been seeking the return of the ashes to India and the building of a suitable memorial. The AIFFO had passed a resolution to this effect in September 1983. Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose, the nephew of Netaji had written to PM on 26th September 1985 stating that he has no objection to Government taking appropriate action to implement the resolution of the AIFFO.

The Netaji Research Foundation, Jaipur, however, contests the authenticity of the ashes in Japan and opposes their transportation to India. The Foundation wants a fresh inquiry into Netaji's disappearance and has approached the Rajasthan High Court to direct the Government to do so.

PRL. SECY. TO P.M:  
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Given the absence of any consensus on this issue, it would be best to continue the present policy. Any action by GOI to bring back the ashes from the Rengkoji Temple would stir a political controversy. We should, however, ensure that the ashes are properly maintained and that the annual grant that we give to the Temple is adequate. EAM could be asked to send a suitable reply to Sheel Bhadra Yajee.

*Yshankar*  
(Meera Shankar)  
Director  
26.4.89

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*Shankar*  
(Meera Shankar)  
Director  
26.4.89

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Chitta Basu  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
(RAJYA SABHA)



SNO. 1

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New Delhi-110001.

Dated 30 September, 1988.

Dear Prime Minister,

During the visit of our Party (All India Forward Bloc)'s Delegation to China in last June, we had several rounds of discussion with the leaders of the Chinese Communist Party. One of the items of discussion was the need for re-evaluating the role of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, during the freedom movement of our country, his thoughts on socialism in general and other aspects of his activities in this country and abroad. It was agreed between our Party and the Chinese Communist Party that joint research of this subject may be undertaken by Indian and Chinese scholars, in near future.

On return to the country, we approached the Indian Council of Social Science Research, to initiate a joint study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Science. We are now told by the Indian Council of Social Science Research that it has already made some specific commitments for holding two seminars and exchanging scholars for a period of 4-man months only. We are further reported that, at the moment, there is no provision for taking up joint studies under the programme. We are, however, assured that this matter can be discussed with the Chinese Academy of Social Science when an appropriate opportunity arises.

We feel you are deeply interested in further expanding the scope of cultural exchanges between the two countries. Joint study by Indian and Chinese scholars on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose may contribute for strengthening the cultural bonds between the two nations.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly see that such efforts meet success as early as possible.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Chitta Basu  
(Chitta Basu)

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Shri Rajiv Gandhi,  
Prime Minister,  
India.

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I am enclosing a copy of a letter which PM has received from Shri Chitta Basu. We would be grateful for your comments.

*Shankar*  
(Meera Shankar)  
Director

Joint Secretary(EA), MEA

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Subject : Suggestion made by Shri Chitta Basu, M.P.(Rajya Sabha) to the Prime Minister regarding setting up of a joint study group by Indian and Chinese scholars on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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Reference is invited to this Office U.O. of even number dated 16th November, 1988 on the subject noted above. 2/10/89

We shall be grateful if comments in the matter could kindly be expedited.

*Shankar*  
( Meera Shankar )  
Director

JS(EA),  
Ministry of External Affairs  
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Dated : 10th January, 1989.  
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI



Reference is invited to Prime Minister's Office U.O. Note No. 885/25/C/30/88-Pol dated 16th November 1988 regarding letter from Shri Chitta Basu, M.P., to P.M. relating to the proposal for a joint study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Science.

2. We have consulted our Embassy in Beijing who feel while the Chinese may have responded to Shri Chitta Basu's proposal more in response to his political standing rather than as a token of their objective assessment of any real contribution which they can make to a re-evaluation of the role of Netaji, the persistence on the part of Shri Chitta Basu is not unlikely to result in one or two Chinese scholars or organisations providing him with some material on Netaji which he could use. The Chinese are certainly going to be conscious of the domestic political ramifications for them of such an association with Netaji and would presumably limit the extent, nature and scope of their collaboration on the subject.

3. In view of the above, it is our view that we need not have any specific objection to the assistance being sought from the Chinese for any ongoing study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. However, I do not think it is necessary or advisable for the ICSSR to initiate at our insistence any new study in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Science. ICSSR's response that they would discuss this matter with the Chinese Academy of Social Science when an appropriate opportunity arises is, to my mind, an adequate response. In case the ICSSR finds it possible to initiate studies, in the future, we would have no objection to their making some extra provision for this purpose in their programme.

( V.K. Nambiar )  
Joint Secretary (EA)

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE - SMT. MEERA SHANKAR, DIR.  
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Dated 20. 12. 1988

To. Dr. Serla Grewal.

Principal Secretary to P.M.

Dear friend, Serlaye

As we are entering 37th year of our Republic, the struggle for democracy, secularism and socialism has entered into a significant phase of our national development. The gap between technological revolution and the level of human perception based on love and affection is becoming more scarce and unbridgable day by day. It requires a new moral revolution - based on values of the earlier freedom struggles of our country and outside, which may bring continuity and change - true to the common heritage of humankind. It would be our constant endeavour to initiate a meaningful campaign on the occasion of Nataji Birth Day to National Martyrs Day (23rd January to 30th) to generate the process of National development in response to the call for a new renaissance. We invite you to join in this modest endeavour to give us strength and courage to defy, distortion, cynicism and lack of common concern.

With kind warm regards, Yours sincerely,

(S. Banerjee)  
Chairman.

(S.M. Ray)  
Co-ordinator.

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23rd January, 1989 : Seminar dedicated to Netaji Birth Day :  
On the relevance of ideals of Netaji  
Subhas and challenge before the nation  
at Motijheel College, Dum Dum 2 P.M.  
(Date may be shifted according to local  
situation).

Speaker : Prof. Santimay Ray.  
President : Principal D.K. Mustafi.

24th January, 1989 : Calcutta University foundation day  
9-30 Flag Hoisting.  
Vice Chancellor Dr. B.N. Roychowdhury  
to hoist the C.U. Flag.

25th January, 1989 : Quiz competition on Netaji Subhas at  
Salkia Hindu High School.

Speaker : Dr. Amitava Chakraborty  
Prof. Santimay Ray

President : Sri Bamapada Das (Headmaster)

26th January, 1989 : Republic Day (37th Anniversary)  
9-30 A.M. Flag hoisting by  
Dr. Bhaskarananda Roy Chowdhury -  
Vice-Chancellor, C.U.

Reception to Freedom Fighters

- 1) Sri Bijay Bandopadhyay (Served 12 years in Andaman).
- 2) Sri Bhutnath Bhattacharya (Served 10 years in Jail and  
Detention).
- 3) Sri Sachin Sen (Served 8 years in Jail and detention).
- 4) Expected one peasant lady - sufferer from Tamruk  
(42 resistance movement) - a compatriot of Martyr  
Matangini Hazra of Tamruk Fame.

27th-28th January, 1989 : In memory the Birth Day Centenary of  
Sahid Prafulla Chaki, 2 days Youth  
Festival - organised by group of young  
writers centering round Kushmar Fera  
a Diamond Harbour (Rural area).

29th January, 1989 : Seminar on Netaji Subhas and challenge  
before the nation at Uluberia  
College 2 P.M.

Speaker : Prof. Santimay Ray and  
few others.

President : Principal, Uluberia  
College, Convener,  
Bharatiya Loka Sanskrit  
Sansad, Howrah District  
Committee.

30th January, 1989 : National Martyr's Day at Vidyasagar  
(11 a.m. to 12-30 A.M.)  
Square 11 A.M. Dr. B.N. Roychowdhury  
to inaugurate. Oath taking ceremony,  
Songs of struggle of the oppressed  
by Bharatiya Loka Sanskriti Sansad.



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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Subject : Netaji Birth Day to National  
Martyrs Day-Campaign for national  
development.

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We forward herewith for appropriate  
action copy of a letter dated 20th December,  
1988 from Shri S.M. Ray, Co-ordinator, The  
Calcutta University National Integration  
Council on the subject noted above.

The communication has not been  
acknowledged.

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( H.C. Bakshi )  
Officer on Special Duty

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
( Dr. S.K. Parchauri - Joint Secretary )  
PM's Office U.O. No.800/6/C/1/89-Pol.

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Dated : 4th January, 1989.

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Dt. 6.3.89.

Dear Shri Sen,

Kindly refer to my discussion with you over phone on 3rd March, 89 in connection with my discussion with the Prime Minister regarding (a) the takeover of the House in Kabul, Afghanistan, where Netaji stayed enroute to Europe during the 2nd World War and (b) our proposal for Joint research work on the history of freedom movement. I am sending herewith copies of letters addressed to the Prime Minister in this connection, for your follow up action.

With best regards,

encl: as above.

Yours sincerely,

(Chitta Basu)

Shri R. Sen,  
Joint Secretary,  
P.M. Secretariat,  
New Delhi.

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already examined Shri  
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anything from MHA on Netaji's House in Kabul

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30-9-1988.

Dear Prime Minister,

As you know, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose reached Kabul on January 27 in 1941, after his great escape from Calcutta on January 16, 1941. He stayed in the House that belongs to Uttam Chand, an old revolutionary at Mohalla Hindu Guzar, Shor Bazar, Kabul, from February 9, 1941 to February 11, 1941 and again from February 15, 1941 to 17 March, 1941. Bhagat Ram Talwar, an old revolutionary who had helped Netaji in his escape from Peshawar to Kabul, had also stayed with Netaji in that house at Kabul. There was a reference of this House and the room in which Netaji had stayed, in the Book, "The Talwars of Pathan Land and Subhas Chandra's Great Escape."

I quote the relevant portion :

" The residence of Uttam Chand was in the upper storey of a two-storeyed building in Mohalla Hindu Guzar. The floor was occupied by one Roshanlal, a Hindu from Peshawar. The house consisted of three rooms in addition to the kitchen and the bath room. The two of us (Netaji and Bhagat Ram Talwar) were given a separate room furnished after the Central-Asian fashion. The floor was covered with durries and carpets. There was a sandli (a sort of small wooden table under which there is an angithi which keeps the huge quilts in the room warm) in the middle of the room and three thick and low mattresses with cushions around the sandli which were used for sitting and also as beds at night. Netaji and I used two of these mattresses while the third would be taken by others coming into the room."

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I am told that the said house is not being maintained properly and ~~making~~ it may be dilapidated soon. For every Indian patriot, the House is a sacred place. I strongly feel that the Government of India should take necessary action, to take over the house and maintain it properly as a monument of historical and national significance.

I took up the matter with Shri K. Natwar Singh, Minister of State, External Affairs, who was kind enough to send me a letter of acknowledgement No. VIP-910/MOS(M) 88 dated 30th June, 1988. Since then, I have not received any information from the Ministry of External Affairs.

I shall be glad if you kindly take interest in the matter and take appropriate action.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Chitta Basu)

Shri Rajiv Gandhi,  
Prime Minister,  
India.



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MINISTER OF STATE  
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
INDIA

June 30, 1988.

Dear Shri Chitt a Basuji,

I have received your letter of 14th May, 1988  
and noted the proposal for acquiring the house in Kabul where  
Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had stayed for a few weeks in February/  
March, 1941.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- (

(K. Natwar Singh)

Shri Chitt a Basu, MP  
28, Gurudwara Rakabgunj Road  
New Delhi.

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Chitta Basu  
Member of Parliament  
(Rajya Sabha)

Phone No. 382260  
384576

28, Gurdwara Rakabgunj Road,  
New Delhi-110001.

Dated 30 September 1988.

Dear Prime Minister,

During the visit of our Party (All India Forward Bloc)'s Delegation to China in last June, we had several rounds of discussions with the leaders of the Chinese Communist Party. One of the items of discussion was the need for re-evaluating the role of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, during the freedom movement of our country, his thoughts on socialism in general and other aspects of his activities in this country and abroad. It was agreed between our Party and the Chinese Communist Party that joint research of this subject may be undertaken by Indian and Chinese scholars, in near future.

On return to the country, we approached the Indian Council of Social Science Research, to initiate a joint study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Science. We are now told by the Indian Council of Social Science Research that it has already made some specific commitments for holding two seminars and exchanging scholars for a period of 4 man months only. We are further reported that, at the moment, there is no provision for taking up joint studies under the programme. We are, however, assured that this matter can be discussed with the Chinese Academy of Social Science when an appropriate opportunity arises.

We feel you are deeply interested in further expanding the scope of cultural exchanges between the two countries. Joint study by Indian and Chinese scholars on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose may contribute for strengthening the cultural bonds between the two nations.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly see that such efforts meet success as early as possible.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-  
(Chitta Basu)

Shri Rajiv Gandhi  
Prime Minister, India.

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Chitta Basu  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
( RAJYA SABHA )



Phone No. 382280  
334576

28, Gurudwara Baktabganj Road,  
New Delhi-110 001.

Dated 14.5.1988

Dear Shri Singh,

As you know, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose reached Kabul on January 27 in 1941, after his great escape from Calcutta on January 18, 1941. He stayed in the House that belongs to Uttam Chand, an old revolutionary at Mohalla Hindu Gazar, Shor Bazar, Kabul, from February 9, 1941 to February 11, 1941 and again from February 15, 1941 to 17 March, 1941. Bhagat Ram Talwar, an old revolutionary who had helped Netaji in his escape from Peshawar to Kabul, had also stayed with Netaji in that house at Kabul. There was a reference of this House and the room in which Netaji had stayed, in the book, "The Talwars of Pathan Land and Subhas Chandra's Great Escape".

I quote the relevant portion :

" The residence of Uttam Chand was in the upper storey of a two-storeyed building in Mohalla Hindu Gazar. The floor was occupied by one Roshanlal, a Hindu from Peshawar. The house consisted of three rooms in addition to the kitchen and the bathroom. The two of us (Netaji and Bhagat Ram Talwar) were given a separate room furnished after the Central-Asian fashion. The floor was covered with durries and carpets. There was a sandli (a sort of small wooden table under which there is an angithi which keeps the huge quilts in the room warm) in the middle of the room and three thick and low mattresses with cushions around the sandli which were used for sitting and also as beds at night. Netaji and I used two of these mattresses while the third would be taken by others coming into the room."

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I am told that the said house is not being maintained properly and during it may be dilapidated soon. For every Indian patriot, the House is a ~~san~~ sacred place. I strongly feel that the Government of India should take necessary action, to take over the house and maintain it properly as a monument of historical and national significance.

I send herewith 5 photographs of the said house, which have been presented to me by an Indian journalist who recently visited the place.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

encl: as above.

(Chitta Basu)

Shri Natar Singh,  
Minister for External Affairs,  
Government of India, New Delhi.



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INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

ICSSR

Professor Iqbal Narain,  
Member Secretary

Post Box No. 712  
35 Feroze Shah Road  
New Delhi - 110 001.

Ref.No. 1-2/88/IC

01 September 1988

Dear Professor Bose,

I have received a letter from Mr. Chitta Basu dated 12th August indicating our previous discussion on the possibilities of initiating a joint study on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

I had a closer look at the framework of the ICSSR-CASS bilateral programme for the next two years to be implemented under the India-China Cultural Agreement and found that we have already made some specific commitments for holding two seminars and exchanging scholars for a period of 4-man months only. At the moment there is no provision for taking up joint studies under the programme. However, this matter can be discussed with the CASS in a more formal way when an appropriate opportunity arises. In the meantime, given our mutual interest in the subject, I would like to put it up to the Council for our members to react to it also. I have a feeling that, if not possible within the ICSSR-CASS programme, we may try to find out some other appropriate bodies to take up the proposal with an appropriate Chinese counterpart. The other point that I would like to clarify is that the ICSSR which is primarily engaged in promoting social science research can officially interact only with an academic institute and not a political party. Given this limitations I am not clear as to how we should proceed further in the matter but I would appreciate your advice in this regard.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/- (Iqbal Narain)

Prof. Nirmal Bose,  
All India Forward Bloc  
28, G.R.G. Road, New Delhi-1.

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# ALL INDIA FORWARD BLOC

28, Gurdwara Rakabganj Road,  
NEW DELHI-110001

Ref. No .....

Dated... 12.8.1988 .....

Dear Professor Narain,

You will kindly remember that a few days back, Prof. Nirmal Bose, a member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the All India Forward Bloc and a Minister in the State Government of West Bengal met you and discussed with you about the possibility of collaboration between the Indian Council of Social Science Research and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences for studies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I would like to inform you once again that during the recent visit of the All India Forward Bloc Delegation to China (18th June - 1st July, 1988), when we had discussions with the top leaders of the Communist Party of China, including the functionaries of the International Liaison Department of that Party, on our suggestion, it was decided that attempts would be made by both the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the International Liaison Department of the C.P.C. to make studies on the life and activities of Subhas Chandra Bose and his role in the struggle for freedom of India and in the greater struggle for elimination of colonialism from the world with particular reference to China. It was further decided that attempts would be made to involve appropriate research organisations in India with their this work. It was expected that as a result of such

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studies, made jointly by the scholars of China and India, some new facts on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, freedom struggle of India, struggle for an end of colonialism and India-China relations might come up.

I am grateful to you that you assured Prof. Bose, when he discussed this matter with you, that on behalf of your Council you would take initiative in this matter, and it would be possible for you to do this work in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

I shall be, therefore, obliged if you kindly take necessary steps in this direction.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Chitta Basu)  
M.P.  
General Secretary

Prof. Dr. Iqbal Narain,  
Member Secretary,  
Indian Council of Social Science Research,  
35, Feroze Shah Road,  
New Delhi - 110 001.



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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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o/c  
Shankar  
(Meera Shankar)  
Director

JS(AP), MEA

P.m's office U.O. No. 800/6/c/1/89-Pol dt. 15-3-89

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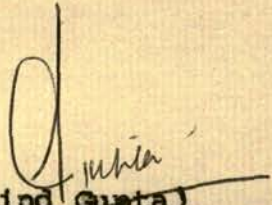
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Ministry of External Affairs  
(AP Division)

Reference FR.

2. The suggestion that Government of India should take over and maintain the house in Kabul in which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had stayed in February 1941 has been considered in the Ministry from time to time. In this connection I would like to draw your attention to the remarks of the then OSD, PMO on a noting by the then Foreign Secretary on 10.5.1986 on the same subject (copy enclosed). I also enclose herewith a copy of a letter from MOS(N) to Shri Jagannath Patnaik written on the same subject. This Ministry has been of the view that if we were to acquire houses where our leaders of the past had stayed in different parts of the world, there would be no end to it. This continues to be our view on this matter.

  
(Arvind Gupta)  
Deputy Secretary (Afg/Kash)  
20.3.1989

DIRECTOR, PMO  
(Smt. Meera Shankar)

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No. 8986/FS/86  
 MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
 (FOREIGN SECRETARY'S OFFICE)

Subject: House where Subhas Chandra Bose lived in Kabul  
 in 1941 -

Reference letter No.KAB/501/1/86 dated April 21, 1986 from  
 our Ambassador in Kabul on the above subject.

2. While the proposal made by Shri Kalimuddin Shams in his  
 letter dated 20th January 1986 to PM, to acquire the premises, is  
 emotionally appealing, it has to be looked at from a practical point  
 of view as well. It is not as if the house in Kabul is one where Subhas  
 Chandra Bose stayed for any length of time. It was merely a transit  
 point. Moreover it is reported to be in very bad shape and I am  
 extremely doubtful of the value of purchasing and maintaining the  
 building as a monument particularly since few Indian visitors would be  
 going there, specially to pay homage to his memory.

1A 3. If we were to acquire houses where our leaders of the past  
 have stayed in different parts of the world, there would be no end to  
 it. Far better that we may maintain their homes in India with a greater  
 possibility of building a consciousness in our youth about the contributions  
 of these leaders in past.

*(Signature)*  
 (A.P. Venkateswaran)  
 Foreign Secretary  
 10.5.86

*(Signature)*  
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 EAM

*(Signature)*  
 17.6.86

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 SECRETARY TO P.M.  
 NO. 4968-G  
 22/6/86

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I agree with 'A'. We need  
 not take any action now. AS(A)  
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Secy to PM

AS (A) OFFICE  
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Lok Sabha Special Member 19

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I am writing with reference to the Special Mention made by you in the Lok Sabha on the 3rd September 1988 regarding the house in Kabul where Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had spent some time in 1941.

2. While we fully appreciate the sentiments behind your suggestion, we do not think it will be worthwhile to acquire the house in honour of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. It was not a house in which he stayed permanently: it was only a transit point; and it is doubtful whether many of our nationals will visit Afghanistan in order to see the house, even if we buy and maintain it as a national monument. Further, if we were to acquire houses where our leaders of the past had stayed in different parts of the world, there would be no end to it and, being outside India, they would not really inspire the younger generation. It is best that our national monuments are generally in India itself so that they serve as examples to our people.

With kind regards,

( K. Natwar Singh )

Shri Jagannath Patnaik,  
Member of Parliament,  
C/o Lok Sabha Secretariat,  
New Delhi.



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प्रधान मन्त्री कार्यालय  
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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*ys Shankar*  
(Meera Shankar)  
Director

JS (AP), MEA

P.m's office U.O. NO. 800/6/c/1/89 Pol dt. 15.3.89

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Chit Basu  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
(RAJY SABHA)

Phone No. 382200

384576

28, Gurdwara Rakabgunj Road,  
New Delhi-1.

30 September 1988.

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I shall be glad if you kindly take interest in the matter and take appropriate action.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
*Chitta Basu*  
(Chitta Basu)

Shri Rajiv Gandhi,  
Prime Minister,  
India.





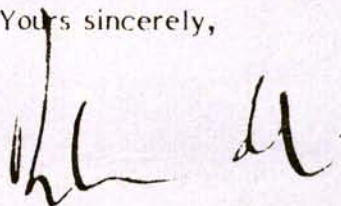
PRIME MINISTER

New Delhi  
December 2, 1988

Dear Shri Basu,

I have your letter of 30th September. The Ministry of External Affairs are being asked to look into this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rajiv Gandhi'.

Shri Chitta Basu, MP  
28, Gurdwara Rakabgunj Road  
New Delhi-110001



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7, JANTAR MANTAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-110001

Ref. No AIFFD/N/1/89

- 6 APR 1989

Dated...4 April..1989

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Sunderlal Jain, Maharashtra

To  
The Prime Minister  
India  
New Delhi

*Respected Rajivji  
Gandhi*

Subject: Bringing of the remains of  
Netaji Subaschandra Bose from  
Rengkoji Temple, Tokyo, Japan  
to India.

All India Freedom Fighters' Organisation  
believe that the remains of Netaji Subaschandra  
Bose has been lying at Rengkoji Temple, Tokyo,  
Japan for the last 43 years.

Whatever controversy was/is over it,  
this organisation has decided to bring it to  
India during this year. We feel that it is not  
proper to keep it at foreign soil.

In the light of latest development in  
favour of peace and nuclear non-aggression  
superpower agreement and improved Indo-Japanese  
friendly relation, we request the Government of  
India to approve and strengthen our effort to  
bring back the sacred ashes of Netaji Subaschandra  
Bose which will be kept at the Freedom Fighters'  
Cultural Centre at Delhi or any Centre/place  
including Calcutta, Manipur etc.

*comment?*

Yours faithfully

(SHEEL BHADRA YAJEE)

Working President

ORGANISATION

M.E.A.

P.M.'s Office uo.No.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
EAST ASIA DIVISION

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Reference FR received from PM's office for our comments.

In this connection, a self-contained note is placed below entitled "Return of the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose." Since the writing of that note, there have been references to Secy (E&ER) as well as to EAM in July, August and November 1988. Secy [E&ER] had in his letter dated Sept. 27 indicated that we (Govt. of India) would be reluctant to do anything which might only add to the controversy about Netaji's remains. It would be best for a national consensus to emerge before the Govt. takes a formal decision in the matter. Secretary also stated that we would, of course, be happy to receive from time to time, information on developments in this regard.

In response to letters addressed to him, EAM in December 1988 wrote to Shri L. Joychandra Singh, reiterating the same position.

It is our view that a consensus has not yet emerged for the transfer to India of the remains of Netaji.

2716/JS (EAD)/89

sd/-  
(V.K. Nambiar)  
Joint Secretary (EA)  
20.4.89

Director (PMO), Smt. Meera Shankar

The matter has been considered and it has been decided, with the approval of Prl. Secy. to PM, that EAM could send a suitable reply to Sheel Bhadra Yajee, stating Govt.'s policy.

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sd/-  
(Meera Shankar)  
Director (PMO)  
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Working President

*J.S. (East Asia)*

ALL INDIA FREEDOM FIGHTERS'  
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